

REMARKS

The applicant respectfully notes that the last two references cited in applicant's Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Form PTO-1449, mailed August 12, 2004, were not initialed by the Examiner. All of the other references were initialed by the Examiner and the IDS was signed by the Examiner on October 14, 2004.

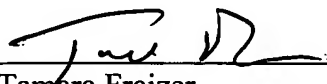
The applicant was unable to reach the Examiner by phone subsequent to receipt of the notice of allowance and signed IDS. The applicant spoke with the Examiner's supervisor, Mr. Lee, on January 10, who indicated that the Examiner was unavailable due to an extended leave. At that time, Supervisor Lee confirmed that the Examiner had reviewed all of the references, and that the Examiner's failure to initial them all was merely an oversight.

The applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner perfect the record by initialing all of the references in the IDS mailed August 12, 2004 and forward the initialed copy to the applicant.

Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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